


From: Tina Vartanian [REDACTED]   
Subject: Westwood Forward  
Date: February 5, 2018 at 11:47 AM  
To: Andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Cc: [REDACTED]



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Thank you and our best.

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Date: February 15, 2018 at 1:26 PM  
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Bcc: [REDACTED] michaelbeck@ucla.edu, [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED], DHUMBER@ucla.edu

Hello Executive Committee members (Jim, Michael, Kifishia, Kevin, and Jessica),

Attached is the agenda for the Thursday, February 22, 2018 committee meeting to be held at 9AM at 10880 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 105 (lobby-level conference room).

This meeting has one agenda item: Westwood Forward and their effort to create a new neighborhood council that includes our district in its boundaries.

Please let me know if you cannot attend this meeting.

Thank you.

Andrew

**WESTWOOD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
10880 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 105 (Lobby Level)  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
9:00 A.M.**

1. Roll Call
2. Public Input (Public comment on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Committee. Please note that public comment is limited to 2 minutes for each individual.)
3. Staff Report
4. Agenda Items
  - A. Westwood Forward  
*The Committee will discuss the Westwood Forward effort to establish a neighborhood council that includes the district in its boundaries.*
5. Adjournment

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From: Wroblewski, James [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: yesterday's meeting  
Date: March 9, 2018 at 12:59 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com), Denise Garcia [REDACTED]



Thanks for the update Andrew. I would have much rather been at this meeting then what I was pulled into ☺!

Cheers to a great weekend ahead!

Best,

**JAMES WROBLEWSKI**  
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**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Denise Garcia [REDACTED]; Wroblewski, James [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** yesterday's meeting

Hello Denise and James,

I hope all is well!

We missed you at yesterday's meeting. It was eventful! We heard an hour of public comment (at 2 min each).

Ultimately, the Board voted 6-4 to to support Westwood Forward and encourage the voting process take place, and to direct and encourage dialog between the two organizations regarding a third alternative, and to ask the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to conduct outreach to the Westwood Hills Homeowners Association and the Westwood Homeowners Association.

See at the next meeting!

Andrew

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From: Tina Vartanian [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Westwood Forward  
Date: February 5, 2018 at 2:45 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Cc: [REDACTED]



Andrew,

That sounds great! Would you prefer us to call you at (310) 470-1812 or another number?

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**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2018 2:37 PM  
**To:** Tina Vartanian  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Westwood Forward

Hi Tina,

I have a meeting at 9AM. I'll probably be free by 11:30AM. Can this work?

Let me know. Thanks!

Andrew

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On Feb 5, 2018, at 2:20 PM, Tina Vartanian [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Andrew,



unfortunately, we have a prior meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning. would you be able to chat Wednesday morning? Please let me know if your schedule permits.

Thank you!

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**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2018 1:43 PM  
**To:** Tina Vartanian  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Westwood Forward

Hello Tina,

Thanks for reaching out.

I'm free tomorrow morning to chat. Can this work for you? Between 9AM - 11:30AM?

Andrew

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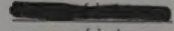
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From: Jim Brooks [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Thursday, February 22, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda  
Date: February 21, 2018 at 3:25 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)



Lets see if it works – maybe limit their 'presentation' to 5 minutes?

**James R. Brooks**

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**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Jim Brooks [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thursday, February 22, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Hi Jim,

FYI. See below suggestion from Michael Beck about public comment tomorrow.

It might be tough to cram this all in tomorrow, but let me know what you think and I can try to put together a rough schedule.

Andrew

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**To:** Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)>

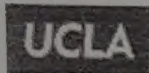
Andrew,

You might check with Jim to see if he wants to set a specific timeframe for Michael and Lisa, as well as any public comments. I would suggest a 10 minute presentation

by Michael and Lisa with each getting a 3 minute rebuttal and then limit public comments to 3 minutes per person. Lisa and Michael could allocated their time among multiple speakers, but the total time would be limited to the total allocated time. If someone speaks as part of the presentation, they would not be permitted to also speak under Public Comment. If you and Jim agree, I would suggest you present the plan to Michael and Lisa.

...Michael

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thursday, February 22, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Hello Executive Committee members,

This is a friendly reminder that we are meeting tomorrow, February 22nd, at 9AM at 10880 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 105 (lobby-level conference room).

Also, we have a hard-stop at 10AM to accommodate members' schedules. Please arrive a few minutes early so we can start promptly at 9AM.

Thank you.

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From: John K. Heldt [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Misrepresentation of a WVIA Position  
Date: February 22, 2018 at 8:36 AM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)



Yes, of course, call me later. As much as I would like to come this morning, I have to work. [REDACTED]

John

Sent from my iPhone

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wrote:

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To: Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)<<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>>>>

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Confirmed. Have a great weekend.

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**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 2:04 PM  
**To:** John K. Heidt <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Misrepresentation of a WVIA Position

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The day has completely gotten away from me. I'll be in touch on Monday. I will have more news then too.

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I'll give you a ring tomorrow if that's ok. We're getting ready for the trash



hauling town hall meeting now and that will take the rest of the afternoon.

This morning was fine. We had a lot of discussion, and heard public comment, extra from Lisa Chapman and Michael Skiles. The Committee ultimately passed a motion to dedicate the March 8th Board meeting to the discussion of the Westwood Forward effort to create the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, and is asking the full Board to make a recommendation at that meeting.

Regarding the BizFed train wreck, I asked Phil and Steve about it. They said they never said what the BizFed Chair told me I could quote her as saying they said. I feel for BizFed. They should have reached out to me to clarify/confirm. Now they are out on a limb and have to undue their letter. In the long run, this probably doesn't move the needle one way or the other since BizFed is not a local player, but they should know better.

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From: Chapman, Lisa [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Jan 22nd meeting  
Date: January 17, 2018 at 10:43 AM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)

Great....I will be there.....

Where do you enter parking for your building?

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Looking forward to seeing you next week! Thanks for the invite!

From: Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:35 AM  
To: Chapman, Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: Jan 22nd meeting

Cool!

You can park in the building. As an invited guest, I'll validate you.

At the meeting will be me, our Executive Committee (Jim Brooks, Michael Beck, Kifishia Kawachi, Jessica Dabney, plus a soon-to-be elected Treasurer), and then members of the public who wish to attend.

If this meeting is more about what kind of process we want to run, there may not be many questions for you, if any. If they want to do a bit of a deeper dive, then expect more questions. It's hard to say. I imagine a second committee meeting and then a later Board meeting would go more in-depth, but you never know. It's good to be there next week I think. If there are no questions for you, you can use public comment to respond to whatever. I'm ask Jim to be flexible on time for our guests.

The public is always invited to attend our meetings, so if you want to bring people, you are welcome to (although we only validate guests, so you can always carpool or tell people to figure out parking in other areas).

The agenda is pretty full, but I bet this item will generate the most attention and take the most time. We have Michael Beck until 1PM but I think we'll be okay on time.

Steve has been off the rails lately on public comment. The last two meetings he's gone ridiculously over his time and has been very combative when I've asked him to wrap it up. I

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Steve pretty much opposes every permit right now so I'm not sure his threat means much!

Andrew

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wrote:

Thanks Andrew...who all will be there? I can come for this, most likely. Do you only want one person from each group?

Yes, fireworks, I had to slam my hands on the table as Sandy, Steve Resnick, and Philip were yelling at each other when Sandy started her lecture. It was ridiculous.

Our alcohol motion passed though. It was revised, so it stands as, the WWNC's sample alcohol conditions are all ABC alcohol conditions, the part where if you want music, live entertainment, etc, that you should apply for the CUX permit, and that is it. Bare Bones.

I heard Steve Sann say he will just oppose every permit then. Wow.

Marcello is our new Land Use Chair, and no one wanted to be secretary.

What a night.

Let me know more about the meeting, and where do I park?

**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:29 AM  
**To:** Chapman, Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Jan 22nd meeting

Hi Lisa,



FYI. Our Executive Committee is meeting on Monday, January 22nd at 11:30AM to discuss Westwood Forward, among other things. The discussion could go in different ways, but my guess is that the committee will determine some type of timetable and process for evaluating options going forward. There may be questions and it would be great if you had representation there. I've told Michael Skiles the same thing. We are meeting at 10880 Wilshire, in a lobby-level conference room.

There are other items on the agenda so it may take us 20-25 minutes to get to the item.

In other news, I heard about the fireworks at the WWNC last week. WTF.

Thanks! Talk soon.

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Subject: RE: Jan 22nd meeting  
Date: January 17, 2018 at 4:40 PM  
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Thanks Andrew....

Hey....do you have Jessica's tel number? Philip wanted to give her a call. If she'd rather not give that out, would you ask her to call him? He really wanted to just pay his condolences, he really liked her Dad a lot....

His cell is [REDACTED]

Thanks! See you Monday.....

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**To:** Chapman, Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
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We're going to move the Westwood Forward item to first on the agenda, so 11:30AMish.

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Enter the parking lot on Glendon, just south of Wilshire. You can take a right into the parking garage (heading south on Glendon from Wilshire). There is usually parking on P4 (roof level). Then take the elevator to the lobby, and our meeting is the far right corner. You can't miss it. You can also text me if anything is up [REDACTED]



Good for you for talking to Steve. He won't listen though. He's too entrenched and too entitled, and he can't work within a group. The results for Westwood have been not good.

See you next week!

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**To:** Chapman, Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Jan 22nd meeting

Cool!

From: Jim Brooks [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Corrections for BID presentation to board on 3/8  
Date: March 1, 2018 at 4:44 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas <andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>, Beck, Michael <michaelbeck@ucla.edu>

Andrew – I think it best not to send this document out with the agenda – rather not get into a debate as to accuracy or context.....

James R. Brooks

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From: Andrew Thomas [mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com]  
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 12:07 PM  
To: Lisa Chapman <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Jim Brooks <[REDACTED]>; Beck, Michael <michaelbeck@ucla.edu>  
Subject: Re: Corrections for BID presentation to board on 3/8

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for yesterday. Neither you nor Michael had to come to our meeting. I'm glad you did. I thought we had a rough start, but we ended in a good place. I hope your follow-up and Michael's follow-up provides useful information and we can get to a third alternative that is acceptable to everyone.

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For the record, I agree with some of the context you have provided. For example, I agree that the Marines are a poor ground-floor use. I also agree that the Verizon cell towers were a bad idea (the WVIA Board agreed too). But the point of my review is not to justify whether businesses or items should be agendized or included in the review, but only to categorize the number of instances in which they were agendized, and under which category they fall. I hope this helps clear up the review's intent.

Regarding your points:



regarding your points.

1). Page 4: The table of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council Representation is incorrect. You must use the language of each seat according to the WW Forward coalition by-laws, under board composition. The UCLA name must be removed from all of these seats, and not used in any presentation as such. - ***I have corrected the language used to represent the NWNC seats and removed UCLA from the description.***

2). Page 5: The minutes of the January meeting were emailed to Andrew the day they were requested. They are also posted on the WWNC website. They are attached here. - ***I asked for the January 2018 minutes on February 15, before they would approved by the WWNC at your meeting that evening. You emailed the minutes to me on February 20th and I included them in the February 22nd presentation to our Executive Committee. They will be a part of the March 8th Board meeting discussion.***

3). Page 5: Regarding the statement of 13 instances of: no live entertainment, no dancing, no video games, no pool tables, are in fact false. NO requests for any of these items have ever come before the WWNC. So this seems to be a moot point, and very misleading. The BID also does not weigh in in these areas for any business. - ***It may or may not be true that businesses have never asked the WWNC for live entertainment, dancing, video games, and pool tables. (It appears that Waffle Chix did ask at the February 2012 WWNC meeting.) I do not have access to what businesses may have been requesting so I have no way of knowing. I only see the conditions supported by the WWNC in the approved motions available on the website, and these conditions are very specific to say no live entertainment, no dancing, no video games, and no pool tables, among other things. It is true the BID does not weigh in on specific business and development. This is not relevant to my review, which is only to collect data from approved WWNC minutes to show impacts to district businesses.***

4). Page 6: The Council's position on alcohol being sold at Target was support for a majority of stakeholders in the area that were against this happening. Almost everyone in the community supported (and still support) Target coming to the Village. But as a much smaller store, we found it to be unnecessary for alcohol to be sold there when within 100 feet of them, three other retailers were selling alcohol (Trader Joe's directly across the street, Ralph's in the same building, upstairs, and Rite Aid across the street.) There was also the issue that Ralph's raised in that their contract, it was noted that they would be the only entity selling alcohol in that building. The community preferred that Target add more merchandise instead of alcohol. Target's own lawyers stated many times that this was not an issue of money, as alcohol sales were only 1% of their business. The BID did not weigh in on this alcohol use issue with Target. - ***This is an example of why I kept my review objective. Target and TIAA CREF would have a different view of how this item evolved. I also attended meetings with a significant show of community support on behalf of Target so I disagree with your context. It is true that the BID does not weigh in on specific business and development. This is not relevant to my review, which is only to collect data from approved WWNC minutes to show impacts to district businesses.***

5). Page 6: The U.S. Marine Corps was not allowed to be on the ground floor, as they were not food or retail, we were supporting the WW Specific plan and concerned for more lack of foot traffic to adjacent businesses. - ***My review is simply a counting of instances where businesses were agendized, and what category they fall into. I don't disagree that the Marines are a poor ground-floor use, and I know many people that agree. That said, the property owner believes that because the Marines are a Federal institution, they are not bound by the Westwood***



***Village Specific Plan, and that the Marines are a good use, so he has a different view.***

6). Page 6: Noise levels had to be addressed in reference to the W Hotel and Rocco's Tavern. The W's amplified music (which is not allowed per city ordinance in this zone), created at least 20 complaints from the public to the WWNC and also to the West LAPD, Officer Ragsdale can corroborate. Rocco's noise complaints and potential lawsuit threats came from the Gayley Terrace, the apartments directly adjacent to Rocco's and their planned outdoor retractable window. Not only did the WWNC find this to be objectionable by stakeholders, but it was upheld by the WW Design Review Board, and the Planning commission. If Rocco's had chosen to occupy the old Jerry's Famous building on Weyburn, none of this would have been an issue. - ***I am only tracking instances where businesses were agendized, not whether it is justifiable or whether there was agreement with the DRB or Planning. Rocco's will have a different view of how this item evolved. Also, Rocco's owns their building, I'm not sure it's fair to say they invited challenges, or simply being agendized, because they chose to be owner/operators and not tenants in a different building.***

7). Page 6: The WVIA document makes mention of businesses coming before the council more than once, including the Broxton, Lemonade, D1 Café, and Rocco's. The Broxton was wholeheartedly approved by the council. They came before us again, not by invite from us, but ASKED to come before us again, because Steve Sann appealed them in building design and signage, and historical preservation to the building. Do not misrepresent this. D1 came before us on two occasions because of alcohol license request. The owner of the business did not comply with what he was told to do by the city and by UCLA, who had to issue a cease and desist letter for their adjacent property. The WWNC is often falsely quoted by the WW Forward coalition that we did not approve an alcohol license because the owner did not speak English. We never uttered anything close to that. The owner's OWN council was the one that referred to his language difficulties. - ***I am only tracking instances where businesses were agendized, and these businesses were all agendized multiple times. It is not clear in the WWNC minutes whether the business chose to return to the WWNC or was asked back. It's also possible businesses were agendized but decided not to attend. I have no way of knowing if it is not clear in the minutes. I am familiar with the Broxton item. I don't think they would agree that they have volunteered to be agendized repeatedly. Regarding D1 Cafe, they believed they had WWNC approval until they were agendized again and had that approval withdrawn, so I think they have a different option. Also, referencing whether D1 Cafe was discriminated against because English is not the owner's first language is not a part of my review.***

8). Page 7: The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative passed by a vote of yes: 8 no: 1 abstain: 7 - ***I did not include vote totals in my review.***

9). Page 8: Bike Lane suggestions after more study were noted to ask that the bike lines be placed on Gayley, instead of WW Blvd due to aforementioned motions on this subject. - ***I listed these two agenda items because they demonstrate impacts within the BID boundaries. Whether there is agreement on Gayley being home to bike lanes is not relevant to the study. Also, I didn't list Gayley in the review because it was not mentioned in the motion. The motion included in the review is cut-and-pasted from approved WWNC minutes.***

10). Page 8: The Farmer's Market issue was a hotly contested issue in the WW community and amongst the merchants and business owners in the village. Most stakeholders, and I believe the BID's own board believes Farmer Mark has not delivered, or kept any monetary promise. What we are left with is an inferior market. - ***the WVFM is within the BID boundaries and it is sponsored and overseen by the WVIA. This is the reason it is included in the review. Whether***



*the item was notly contested, or the market is now inferior, or whether the item was presented to the WWNC using a motion that included information I know to be false, is not relevant to the study.*

11). Page 8: I am pretty sure the WWNC and the BID agree wholeheartedly on the food use motion that was passed in December. - *I didn't include this item because there was agreement, or disagreement. I included it because it's an item impacting businesses in the BID boundaries. Also, the WVIA and WWNC motions are not identical, but this is not relevant to the study.*

12). The Broxton Plaza. This was never an official presentation, and was casually discussed as something the WVIA might want to consider down the line. There was not any motion to vote upon, it was a discussion item at best. - *It is correct that there wasn't a presentation from the WVIA since our Board determined to explore the item further. However, there was a motion from the WWNC on this item (November 2015), which is why I included it in my review. The motion was Mitchell Keiter moved, "Having not heard the presentation, the WWNC does not support the Broxton Plaza project absent a presentation at the December meeting." Ann Hayman seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 13, No: 1 (Sandy Brown), and Abstain: 1 (Stephen Resnick).*

Lisa, I have changed the description of the NWNC seats per your clarification. I can't, however, add your context corrections to my review for the reasons stated above.

That said, I would like to offer you the opportunity to submit your corrections to our Board so you can provide the context you believe is important to understanding the deeper intent behind these items being agendized and discussed by the WWNC. If you like, I can email your corrections to my Board members in advance of our meeting, and have copies for the public at the meeting too. I will also be in touch later today or tomorrow with a plan on how both the WWNC and Westwood Forward can present to our Board on March 8th

Let me know. Thank you.

Andrew

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On Mar 1, 2018, at 9:30 AM, Chapman, Lisa <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Andrew,

As requested, I am sending along the word document for the corrections I passed

out yesterday, for your slide presentation comparing, for March 8<sup>th</sup>.

In all fairness, if the WVIA does not take a position on something, I am not sure there should be any comparison noted, certainly not as a contrasted difference between the WWNC and the WVIA.

As I said yesterday, I threw this together very quickly in the morning yesterday, after 4 hours of sleep, so please disregard any grammatical errors in this document. Even coffee couldn't save me yesterday.

Thanks again,  
Lisa

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Date: March 1, 2018 at 5:37 PM  
To: Chapman, Lisa [REDACTED]; Andrew Thomas andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Cc: James R. Brooks [REDACTED]

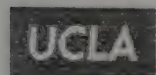
Lisa,

I think you just wrote part of your speech for the meeting, except for maybe the part about calling out the board members. 😊

Thanks

...Michael

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**From:** Chapman, Lisa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** Andrew Thomas <andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>  
**Cc:** James R. Brooks <[REDACTED]>; Beck, Michael <michaelbeck@ucla.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Corrections for BID presentation to board on 3/8

Hi Andrew,

I appreciate you responding point by point, and I do understand what you are trying to do. However, I really feel that not only is context important, but details are crucial at this point. We are being presented, I believe, in not such a great light in many of these instances. I realize that you have to present things in a concise manner, but you are directly relating this to an eventual choice the WVIA board has to make, between the current WWNC and WW Forward, a group of mostly students that have zero track record, either as a group, or individually. It's not just comparing apple to oranges, it's comparing apples to nothing at all.

As you and I know, from many conversations over the last few years, that I have struggled greatly with the reputation of my board, and I still get sensitive when I hear others calling us (as a group) NIMBY's and against fun, etc. You know, the list goes on and on. I have been working so hard to change the face and actions of this board, while putting up with slander and questions to my character as I do this. I have diligently worked to change the culture with this board and to bridge long damaged relationships in the community. All while being an employee of UCLA for almost 32 years, and having to see both sides of that evolving relationship. But I believe in this board as well, in its experience, individually and collectively. I believe in its diversity and life experience. Every single person on my board has true love for Westwood Village, and they have supported

WW Village for decades and decades, both in patronage and monetarily. We have also gone to bat for WW Village for the Broxton Parking Garage potential sale, getting parking meter money returned to the Village, adding traffic improvements, and in helping to foster and maintain historic buildings. We consistently give almost all of our city money to 501c3 charities in our boundaries, as I said, more than any other NC in the city of Los Angeles. We have been working tirelessly over the past year readying homelessness initiatives to help specifically within our boundaries and directly in WW Village. I can go on and on. I am passionate about public service, about volunteerism. I have done it my entire adult life, and I will continue to fight for the underserved, and for that matter, this council.

Frankly, not providing context and some detail will not help us, it would hurt us. You have four of your WVIA board members that openly support WW Forward, and four who have signed WW Forward's petition, including Jessica Dabney, Peter Clinco, Patrick Nally, and Kevin Crummy. There seems to be no way that we can overcome that influence. Their minds are already made up. That is incredibly disappointing, and frankly so very frustrating to me. I feel we have already lost in the eyes of the WVIA board. I work very hard to keep an open mind to every agenda item that comes before my council, and I would have hoped that your board would have done the same. I don't think that will be the outcome, sadly.

All of that being said, I do appreciate the attempt to compromise, and to listen on behalf of the three of YOU. I have a great respect for all three of you, and of your accomplishments and contributions to Westwood.

Warm regards,  
Lisa

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: BizFed position on NWNC update  
Date: March 7, 2018 at 12:39 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)  
Cc: [REDACTED], Tracy Hernandez [REDACTED]

Good morning Andrew,

This morning Tracy was Keynote speaker at West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and she confirm on the record BizFed position on Westwood NC issue is same and BizFed is oppose to split WWNC . I just wanted to make sure you be aware of it for future reference BizFed letter is their solid position.

Thank you and looking forward to meet and talk about merchant in village.

Roozbeh

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** 'Andrew Thomas'  
**Cc:** 'Lara L. Larramendi'; 'Hilary Norton'  
**Subject:** RE: BizFed position on NWNC

Good morning Andrew,

As I said no one said BID had any position and it was not part of conversation but Westwood Business community and also Iranian – American Community in general are against it. Motion in support of Westwood forward /new NC introduce to BID executive committee  
Fail and I don't think anybody against forming committee and find common ground.

Again this issue was not misrepresent.

Thank you  
Roozbeh

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**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Lara L. Larramendi; Hilary Norton  
**Subject:** Re: BizFed position on NWNC  
**Importance:** High

Hello Roozbeh,

It's my understanding that BizFed took it's position based on the information that the Westwood business community and the Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID) were united in opposition to the Westwood Forward effort to create a new neighborhood council. If this is correct. then BizFed was lead to act based on information that is not true.

The BID has not yet taken a position. Also, while it's not my role to advocate for other groups, I know members of the Wilshire-Westwood commercial corridor and Iranian-American business communities that support the proposed North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

Our Executive Committee did meet last week and the members discussed this item. The Committee determined to ask Westwood Forward and the Westwood Neighborhood Council to meet to attempt to find common ground, and then for the BID to agendize this item for our full Board to take a position.

To avoid misrepresentations in the future, I am asking you to direct any inquiries about BID positions to me. I am happy to share them with you.

Andrew

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On Feb 23, 2018, at 6:17 PM, <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> wrote:

<BizFed\_Neighborhood Commission\_Atkinson\_Westwood NC\_02-21-2018.pdf>



From: Jann Williams <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: RE: MEETING CANCELED: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting  
Date: February 26, 2018 at 2:31 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas <andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>

Thank you for your email. I will read the Mission statement for Westwood Forward but again I am wondering why the Village is supposed to provide entertainment options, especially after UCLA built a student union building which has a book store and all kinds of food options and a roof top area. That building took business away from the Village when it was built.

My best,

Jann

From: Andrew Thomas  
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 9:28 AM  
To: Jann Williams  
Subject: Re: MEETING CANCELED: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting

Hey Jann,

I totally agree about all of the in-fighting and rude behavior. In addition to preventing any progress, these behaviors discourage "new blood" from becoming engaged. Sometimes when I invite people to attend WVIA meetings, they ask me if the "usual crowd" will be there. When I say yes, they say they don't want to come to the meeting. It's frustrating.

You should read the Westwood Forward message on their website. My summary of their effort is that it was born from frustration about housing and also lack of entertainment options in the Village. I believe they have an understanding about the Specific Plan, but I think they are looking at WWNC actions instead of pushing back against that particular document. There have been a lot of votes against happy hours, live entertainment, dancing, etc. Another trigger was that apparently the WWNC determined to extend their own terms and push back their next election.

Students are definitely the driving force, but we've seen a lot of business and property owner support join them. There are also homeowners that are tired of "business as usual" that also support them.

If nothing else, this has started an important conversation in our community. I think it's a good thing and long overdue.

Our Board has a policy of not taking positions on individual business or development. The UCLA residential hall is not only an individual development, but it's outside of our boundaries too. This is why we haven't heard it. Personally, I think our policy is a mistake. I believe our community is looking to us to be rational and reasonable custodians. It bothers me that we are on the sidelines, but this isn't going to change overnight.

Let's keep talking! I'm glad you're engaged.

Andrew

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On Feb 25, 2018, at 10:22 PM, Jann Williams <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I will go back and read the statements on the Westwood Forward site. Did a particular event trigger all this? Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2018, at 2:13 PM, Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)> wrote:

Hi Jann,

My Board is still sorting through this item, and so am I.

Our Executive Committee discussed this issue last week. The recommendation they made is to essentially ask the different players to try to come together one last time before our Board meets in March. If the groups can't find some middle ground, then our Board will make a determination to either support or oppose (although it's possible they won't do anything too).

The one point of agreement among my Committee members is that the current way of doing things in Westwood is not sustainable. The Westwood Forward movement was born from that frustration. I don't think status quo is going to work going forward so I hope the current council seriously considers actions that will lead to change.

Have you been following this item closely? It's been pretty interesting.

I hope all is well! Let's try to get together soon.

Andrew

On Feb 24, 2018, at 6:23 AM, Jann Williams <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: **Andrew Thomas** andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Subject: Re: Persian community  
Date: March 9, 2018 at 2:46 PM  
To: Alex Helmi [REDACTED]

Thanks, Alex. I know they will need your help!

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On Mar 9, 2018, at 1:22 PM, Alex Damoka Email <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Andrew

We will do everything we can to have new council so they mind their business and leave the area for real growth  
Best Alex

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2018, at 1:14 PM, Andrew Thomas <andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com> wrote:

Hey Alex,

Thanks so much for speaking at our meeting yesterday, and for bringing people. Our Board needed to hear your words. The more feedback we get, the better.

I'm really pleased that we are supporting Westwood Forward. I was hoping we would be bold. I'm glad we were.

I'll be in touch as this item progresses through the system. This is all far from over.

Thanks again, and thanks for bring Pouria too!

Andrew

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On Mar 8, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Alex Damoka Email <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Roosbeh said two wrong things one as you see below they are waiting for bid vote  
Second there no west side chamber of commerce exit in city files that is active  
Alex

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lara Larramendi <[REDACTED]>  
Date: March 1, 2018 at 4:28:29 PM PST  
To: Alex Damoka Email <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: Persian community

Hi Alex,

Thank you for your letter. I think for now, it's OK. Let's see how the Westwood Village votes next week on the Neighborhood Council question.



Sincerely,

Lara L. Larramendi



**Lara L. Larramendi, Government Relations Director**

[Redacted] - [Redacted]

[BizFed.org](http://BizFed.org)

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On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 10:34 AM, Alex Damoka Email <[Redacted]> wrote

- >
- > Hello ms. Larramendi
- > My name is Alex Helmi (Damoka)
- > I am a persian community activist and leader for around 35 years I have business and property owner in Westwood blvd
- > I am the main person that promoted the city to creat Persian sq and all the signs on 405 freeway
- > There are some false informations that Persian community oppose the new neighborhood council which is totally false
- > Our community and business community were subject of discriminations from the Westwood neighborhood council and this guy Roozbeh which we can provide all the evidences
- > I and my community strongly support the new council for Westwood
- > I would like to invite you and ms. Norton for lunch in Persian sq so you know all the facts and business issues that we have with these people
- > Please let me know time that works with you guys
- > Best regards
- > Alex Helmi
- > Damoka
- > [Redacted]
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone

Date: March 2, 2018 at 11:31 AM

Bcc: [REDACTED], michaelbeck@ucla.edu;

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Denise Garcia

megan@thewestwoodvillage.com, niki@thewestwoodvillage.com, DHUMBER@ucla.edu

Attached to this email are the agenda and materials for our Thursday, March 8, 2018 Special Board meeting. This meeting will be held at Skylight Gardens restaurant at 1139 Glendon Avenue and will begin at 8:30AM.

Per the recommendation of the Executive Committee, this meeting will be dedicated to the discussion of the Westwood Forward-proposed creation of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

There are no other items on the agenda, and items such as Staff Reports, our March 2018 Consent Calendar, Committee Reports, etc will be heard at the April 19th Board meeting.

Attached to this email are the draft minutes from the February 22, 2018 Executive Committee meeting and the Staff comparison of the proposed North Westwood Neighborhood Council and the Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC), plus a review of all past WWNC decisions relevant to the Westwood Business Improvement District. This review was presented and discussed at the February 22nd Executive Committee meeting.

Below is the proposed process and schedule for the March 8th Board meeting:

8:30AM - Meeting begins. Introductory remarks from Jim Brooks, including outline of the process/schedule for the meeting.

8:35AM - Staff presentation

8:45AM - Board discussion

9AM - 10 minutes for Westwood Forward presentation

9:10AM - 10 minutes for WWNC presentation

9:20 - Board Q&A with presenters and discussion

9:30 - Public comment for those who did not speak during Westwood Forward or WWNC presentation (2 min. each max)

10AM - 5 min max rebuttal from WWNC

10:05AM - 5 min. max rebuttal from Westwood Forward

10:10AM - Public Comment closed, Board discussion and potential action

Meeting adjourned

Thank you. As you can see, we will have a full meeting. Your prompt arrival is appreciated! If you cannot attend the Board meeting, please let me know.

Andrew

## Westwood Village Improvement Association

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Skylight Gardens

1139 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

### I. Roll Call

11. **Open Session Agenda Items - All Items May Result in Board Action** (please note that public comment is limited to 2 minutes per individual item)

### A. Westwood Forward

The WVIA Board will hear a recommendation from the Executive Committee that Jim Brooks, Andrew Thomas, Lisa Chapman, and Michael Skiles meet to discuss if an alternative to creating a new neighborhood council exists, and to dedicate the March 8, 2018 WVIA Board meeting to the discussion of the Westwood Forward effort to create the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, and ask the WVIA Board to recommend a definitive outcome at this meeting.



### III. Adjourn

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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**WESTWOOD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL MEETING of the**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**February 22, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Jim Brooks, Michael Beck, Kifishia Kawachi, Kevin Crummy, Jessica Dabney  
WVIA Staff Present: Andrew Thomas  
Others Present: Lisa Chapman, Michael Skiles, Roxane Stern, Steve Sann, Phillip Gabriel

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Staff Report**

There was no Staff Report

**Agenda Items**

**A. Westwood Forward**

Andrew Thomas presented a comparison of the mission, boundaries, and council seat representation for the Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) and the Westwood Forward-proposed North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWNC). Andrew then presented the results of the staff review of WWNC positions relevant to the Westwood Business Improvement District (WBID) (see attached).

The Committee asked Lisa Chapman, president of the WWNC, and Michael Skiles of Westwood Forward to present on behalf of their respective organizations. Following these presentations, the Committee took public comment, and then allowed Lisa Chapman and Michael Skiles additional time for rebuttal.

The Committee discussed the Westwood Forward proposal to create a new neighborhood council, and acknowledged existing frustration in the business community regarding the current WWNC process. After discussion, Kevin Crummy made the motion, seconded by Jessica Dabney, to recommend to the WVIA Board that it support Westwood Forward and its effort to create the North Westwood Neighborhood Council. The motion did not pass (Yes: Kevin Crummy, Jessica Dabney)(No: Jim Brooks, Michael Beck, Kifishia Kawachi).

Michael Beck made the motion, seconded by Kifishia Kawachi, to ask Jim Brooks, Andrew Thomas, Lisa Chapman, and Michael Skiles to meet to discuss if an alternative to creating a new neighborhood council exists, and to dedicate the March 8, 2018 WVIA Board meeting to the discussion of the Westwood Forward effort to create the NWNC, and ask the WVIA Board to recommend a definitive outcome at this meeting. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The undersigned certify that these minutes were approved and adopted at the WVIA Executive Committee meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Chair of the Meeting/Jim Brooks

Secretary of the Meeting/ Kifishia Kawachi

DRAFT

From: Michael Skiles [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fw: Student Engagement Committee Follow-Up  
Date: February 28, 2018 at 12:46 AM  
To: Michael Beck michaelbeck@ucla.edu, [REDACTED] Andrew Thomas andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com

On Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:15 PM, Michael Skiles [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Gibson,

As you can see from this email and the attached screenshots, Westwood Neighborhood Council member and Student Engagement Committee Chair Angus Beverly attempted to negotiate, on behalf of the Westwood Neighborhood Council, a deal with Westwood Forward, which would involve WWNC making significant concessions in exchange for Westwood Forward dropping its subdivision petition. Westwood Forward expressed disinterest in negotiating with him and he, thereupon, stated that he would hold no further student engagement committee meetings until and unless we negotiated.

While I would rather not publicly circulate these documents, unless they persist in denying that this happened, since I don't want to hurt Angus' reputation, I would encourage you to advise the WWNC as to whether holding meetings can legally and ethically be used as a bargaining chip to force constituents to the bargaining table. We have no interest in backroom deals and look forward to working with you as we move our subdivision petition forward to an election.

Best regards,  
Michael Skiles  
President, UCLA Graduate Students Association  
Graduate Chair, UC Council of Student Body Presidents

On Sunday, February 11, 2018 12:47 PM, Angus Beverly [REDACTED] wrote:

Zarah,

Ask Michael Skiles for more information. But I'm not going to have another engagement meeting until students are willing to actually discuss Westwood Forward: the giant elephant in the room.

-Angus

On Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 12:10 Zahra Hajee [REDACTED] wrote:  
Is there a reason why the meeting is cancelled? Many of us are able to make it around 4-5pm.

On Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 11:52 AM Angus Beverly [REDACTED]



On Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 11:02 AM Angus Beverly <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:

Hey everyone,

I am cancelling the student engagement committee meeting tomorrow.

Best,  
Angus

On Mon, Oct 9, 2017 at 15:53 Angus Beverly <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:

Hi All,

As you can see on the October 7th Agenda, our comittee has theres  
agenda items for Wednesday.

Check out our agenda here: <http://www.wwnc.org/general-board-meeting-agenda-october-2017/>

Additionally, we are going to start meeting on the 4th Wednesdays of each  
month. Please let me know if that is a good date for everyone.

Regards,  
Angus

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Mobile: [REDACTED]

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Angus Case Beverly  
Mobile: [REDACTED]

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Angus Case Beverly  
Mobile: [REDACTED]

David Lorango, Angus Beverly

valiant effort

JAN 10TH 10:58AM

Indeed, I'm very sorry to see they didn't elect you. I worry that signals that, by a 6-10 margin, they're not ready to swing in a genuinely YIMBY direction, though David should follow up on ensuring that his sane voice is added to Land Use. Anyways, I worry friends that this means you aren't in a position to negotiate a compromise, since that vote suggests that any significant concessions would be shot down by a comparable margin. Do you share this dear, or am I mistaken?

\*fear not dear haha

Actually I disagree

Some voted against me because Im leaving in May

OK. Well then there's hope. Our group has just gotten the impression of a univocally hostile council since, when people like Gibson comes, everyone speaks against WF and nobody speaks for it. This makes us worry that we'd need to swing a large number of seats in order to hold any influence at all. But anyways, I look forward to a good chat on Tuesday and shall discuss with our leaders possible terms on Monday in preparation.

It was really incredible to see Resnick, and Gabriel almost come to blows

I know

Notice how I didn't get up to stop it

David Lorango, Angus Beverly

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- Michael Skiles

Angus Beverly  
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Yah at this stage I'm graduating in spring. I may as well go extra hard on agenda items that I believe will help the community.

I concur! It's time for us to leave our legacy! We have big plans in our pipeline, can we talk sometime today either right after this event or else during?

Sure! I might have to do it over the phone if it's after bc I'm trying to get to Orange County before traffic is really bad. But sure let's do it!

WBC 2:52PM

Time-wise, would WWNC be able to consider any item we put forward on Monday?

I doubt it there's typically a 72 hour issue, to be honest. If I can keep this between you, I'm thinking about canceling the meeting and wanting to speak to the westwood forward campaign staff about making a deal. I just don't see the point of the committee if we won't settle on meeting to discuss actual student issues.

The Westwood Forward group consensus is that it doesn't like backroom deals and is skeptical that a majority of WWNC would be willing to vote to enact concessions that would essentially nullify everything we've been about to

Angus Beverly  
Active 27m ago

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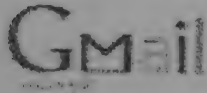
would jeopardize anything that we are about to achieve electorally. Hence their unanimous vote that I send you and David the letter that I did.

I'm happy to discuss this with you by phone.

Omon Michael GSA and USAC should know the difference between preliminary discussions and "backroom deals" Ill talk over the phone perhaps tonight.

UCLA Graduate Students Association Mail - WWNC

2/5/18, 5:07 PM



WWNC

GSA President [REDACTED]

Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 4:52 PM

To: "Beverly, Angus" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Hajee, Zahra" [REDACTED], usacprez [REDACTED], GSA VP External Affairs

[REDACTED], Chloe Pan [REDACTED], GABRIELA MEZA [REDACTED], JOSHUA GILBERT BAUM [REDACTED]

Dear David and Angus,

On behalf of Westwood Forward, we thank you for approaching us and stating your openness to seeing the Westwood Neighborhood Council make significant reforms towards more equitably representing its constituents. However, before our coalition invests the time and energy into considering what, if any, hypothetical bylaw changes might suffice to address the concerns of our community, we think that it is important that you establish that you are in a position to negotiate on behalf of the council. Given that the council voted against your selection as Land Use Chair and also repeatedly refused to consider our requests for online voting or a 2018 selection, we worry that those who would consider affecting the meaningful changes our community needs are in the minority. To allay these concerns we would request either 1) that the WWNC pass a resolution authorizing you to negotiate on its behalf or 2) that you send us a public letter signed by a majority of WWNC members affirming that they would be willing to consider significant bylaw changes and holding a 2018 selection.

Best Regards,

Michael Skiles

Gabriela Meza

Zahra Hajee

Marjan Kris

Victoria Sokovits

Cameron Keller

Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh

Joshua Baum

Parshan Khosravi

Chloe Pan

From: Andrew Thomas andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Subject: Re: Westwood Forward  
Date: February 5, 2018 at 1:41 PM  
To: Michael Skiles [REDACTED]



No clue. They just emailed me with the same request they made of you.

Andrew

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On Feb 5, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Michael Skiles [REDACTED] wrote:

Do you know these folks?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tina Vartanian" [REDACTED]  
Date: February 5, 2018 at 11:31:28 AM PST  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: "aaron green" [REDACTED]  
Subject: Westwood Forward

Good Morning Michael,

Hope this email finds you well.

Aaron Green and I are with the Afriat Consulting Group, which represents business and community groups on issues related to local government. We represent some business stakeholders in Westwood and are interested in learning more about the proposed plans to create a new Westwood Neighborhood Council.

We are hoping we can set up a time to speak to you about the proposed plans of UCLA students to establish their own neighborhood council. If you would be kind enough to let us know when you might be available for a call, we certainly would appreciate it.

Thank you and our best.

Tina Vartanian  
Public Affairs Manager  
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From: **Andrew Thomas** andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com  
Subject: Re: Nightlife in Westwood  
Date: March 9, 2018 at 2:44 PM  
To: Michael Skiles [REDACTED]



This is great. I had lunch with Laura this week. She's terrific. I know she's looking for space but it's challenging.

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On Mar 9, 2018, at 10:17 AM, Michael Skiles [REDACTED] wrote:

And now businesses are starting to check with me whether it's safe to come into Westwood yet!

On Friday, March 9, 2018 10:11 AM, Laura Ambrose [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi, Michael --

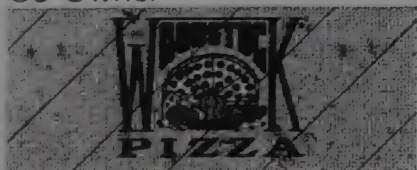
I saw an article from last summer in the Daily Bruin that quotes you as being active in the efforts to make Westwood more student-centric. I'd love to talk with you.

We have been looking at "opportunities" in Westwood for years. I don't know if you've heard of Woodstock's, but we are in six major university markets in California. With the vibrant student community at UCLA, this market makes a lot of sense for us. What doesn't make sense is some of the ridiculous restrictions to doing business in this community. It's a shame and very polarizing.

My cell is [REDACTED]. I'd like to talk with you about the efforts we hear are being spearheaded by some of the students.

**Laura Ambrose**

Co-Owner



[www.woodstockspa.com](http://www.woodstockspa.com)

From: Jim Brooks [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Monday, January 22, 2018 Executive Committee Agenda  
Date: January 17, 2018 at 5:08 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)



ok

James R. Brooks  
Topa Management Company  
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

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From: Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:45 PM  
To: Jim Brooks [REDACTED] >  
Subject: Re: Monday, January 22, 2018 Executive Committee Agenda

Also, I'd like to flip the agenda around so Westwood Forward can be first and we can get that out of the way if that's cool. Lisa from the WWNC and Michael Skiles from Westwood Forward will be present. We can talk more about this Friday before or after our Faisal call.

Thanks!

Andrew

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On Jan 17, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Andrew Thomas  
<[Andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:Andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)> wrote:

Hey Jim,

Sounds good. Sorry. I thought we did yesterday before we wrapped up the call.

But let's talk through this meeting before the 22nd.

Thanks!

Andrew



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On Jan 17, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Jim Brooks <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Andrew – this is fine – in the future, lets you and I discuss the agenda items before submitting. Don't think we did on this one? Jim

James R. Brooks  
Topa Management Company  
<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)>  
**Subject:** Monday, January 22, 2018 Executive Committee Agenda

Hello Executive Committee members,

Attached is the agenda for our Monday, January 22nd meeting to be held at 11:30AM at 10880 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 117 (lobby-level conference room).

There are four items on the agenda.

Agenda Item A is a review of the draft audit for 2017. We will have our auditor, Bob Johnstone, on a call to guide us through the draft audit. Bob is coming to the office tomorrow to begin this audit.

Agenda Item B is a discussion about WVIA office space.

Agenda Item C is a discussion about Westwood Forward, the group leading an effort to form a new neighborhood council that includes our district in its boundaries.

Agenda Item D is a discussion about the Committee's goals for 2018.

Thank you.

Andrew

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From: Jane Gavens [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: HWPOA and Westwood Forward

Date: February 14, 2018 at 4:59 AM

To: Roxanne Stern [REDACTED]

Cc: Bettina O'Mara [REDACTED], Michael D. Skiles [REDACTED]



Bettina was there too. She had to hold me back. It was classic. Philip opened by saying that a bunch of kids were trying to gerrymander Westwood and that he wasn't going to have 18 year olds telling him how to run his business. He never mentioned that he was on the WWNC or that his wife is president. Sandy then went on to talk about how the "mostly students" just want affordable housing, that they have been attending the WWNC meetings and "shouting" at the WWNC and that it wasn't the WWNC's role. She said that she had a stake holder seat on the WWNC but downplayed what they do, said that really the WW Neighborhood Councils didnt do much other than give away funds and was just advisory. NO mention of the land use committee, the projects that she opposes or any of the real issues that you are fighting for. Very quick comment that the students want more control over the nightlife. She said that Westwood Forward wanted to carve up the communities and take them away from the existing WWNC without any outreach and said that her friend Terry T over in Westwood Hills needs HW support. What a show !Had I been uninformed and on that board, I would have bought it and the board totally did.... no real information was provided, they were totally manipulated.

Jane Brill Gavens  
Broker Associate  
Director, Estates Division

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On Feb 13, 2018, at 11:12 PM, Roxane Stern [REDACTED] wrote:

Jane, so glad you are keeping track. The HWPOA is a blight on the community. Thanks for the update.

Roxane

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 9:37 PM, Jane Gavens [REDACTED] wrote:

Michael

Philip Gabriel and Sandy Brown spoke about Westwood Forward at tonights meeting. Philip made a motion that the board write a letter to neighborhood empowerment protesting the formation of the NWNC and the "carving up of the neighborhoods". Sandy supported this adding that the WWNC doesn't do much other than give away money. Philip and Sandy both led the group to believe that the NWNC will be taking over Westwood Hills .No real discussion was had and the only information provided was half truths and a lot of false info. They both told the board that no outreach has been done to our community. The board voted to write the letter based on misleading and false information.

We would recommend that you contact Sandy and get on the agenda of the next HWPOA meeting if you want to set the record

straight .

Jane Brill Gavens  
Broker Associate  
Director, Estates Division

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